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SUBJECT: CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE PLENUM

1. AS EXPECTED, KSC CC PLENUM MET APRIL 24 IN ONE-DAY
SESSION TO SET FORTH PARTY LINE ON SOCIAL AND POPULATION
MATTERS. MAIN THRUST OF PLENUM DECISIONS, REMARKABLY
DESCRIBED IN ALL NEWSPAPERS APRIL 25 NOT ONLY AS JOINT
DECLARATION OF KSC AND OTHER NATIONAL FRONT MEMBERS BUT
ALSO OF CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT, WAS INCREASE IN PENSIONS
AND BROADENING OF WIDE RANGE OF SOCIAL SERVICES. COMPLEXITY
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OF DECLARATION INDICATED IT WAS WORKED OUT THROUGHLY

BEFOREHAND AND GIVEN TO THE PLENUM FOR APPROPRIATE RUBBER STAMPING. (RESOLUTION DETAILS BEING REPORTED BY AIRGRAM.) ALL NEWS OUTLETS HAVE FEATURED GUSTAV HUSAK'S PARTICIPATION, AS BEARER OF GREETINGS TO THE PLENUM FROM THE KSC PRESIDUM AND AS MAIN, CLOSING SPEAKER ON SOCIAL POLICY--HIS LONG CLOSING SPEECH DEALT WITH THAT AND NOTHING ELSE. BURIED IN THE NEWSPAPERS' SMALL PRINT IS THE FACT THAT VASIL BILAK HELPED CSSR PRIME MINISTER LUBOMIR STROUGAL CHAIR THE SESSION; BOTH ARE KSC PRESIDUM MEMBERS.

2. THE ONLY HINT THAT MORE WORRISOME TOPICS MAY HAVE BEEN TAKEN UP--IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE THAT FLAP OVER DUBCEK WENT WITHOUT MENTION--IS ONE OF THE ITEMS LISTED ON THE BRIEF PLENUM AGENDA: "THE REPORT ON ACTIVITIES AND MEASURES OF THE PRESIDUM AND SECRETARIAT ON INTERNAL AND FOREIGN POLITICAL QUESTIONS." OTHER AGENDA ITEMS WERE THE KSC'S BUDGET, THE MAIN RESOLUTION NOTED ABOVE, "MEMBERSHIP PROPOSALS" WHICH PROBABLY REFER TO THE ANNUAL JANUARY-MARCH REVIEW OF PARTY CANDIDATE MEMBER LISTS, AND THE REPLACEMENT OF JAN SIMEK BY JOSEK MEVALD AS WEST BOHEMIAN KSC SECRETARY. PERRY

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